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SUBJECT: CHAVAN SEES LITTLE PROSPECT FOR RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS  
WITH PAKISTAN SOON

1. REPLYING TO A LOK SABHA QUESTION JANUARY 16 ON WHEN NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN MIGHT OCCUR, FONMIN CHAVAN SAID, "I DO NOT THINK WE HAVE REACHED THAT STAGE." CHAVAN SAID THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SIMLA AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SLOW. INDIA HAD BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN 1974-75 BUT PAKISTAN'S STANCE IN RECENT MONTHS HAD "VITIATED THE ATMOSPHERE." PAKISTAN WAS TAKING A "HALTING ATTITUDE" AND WAS ASSUMING ANTI-INDIA POSTURES. THIS HAD BEEN TAKEN UP OFFICIALLY WITH THE GOP, CHAVAN SAID. CHAVAN ADDED THAT THERE WERE NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON AJOR ISSUES PERTAINING TO SIMLA, BUT PAKISTAN'S POLITICAL ATTITUDE AND INDIFFERENCE HAD COME IN THE WAY. REFERRING TO THE TRADE AGREEMENT, HE SAID THIS "WAS A SMALL BEGINNING." "INDIA CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE APPROACH TO THE IDEA OF DEVELOPING NORMAL RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN SO THAT THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING DURABLE PEACE IN THE SUBCONTINENT IS EXPEDITED," CHAVAN SAID.

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2. COMMENT: CHAVAN'S PUBLIC REMARKS ECHO WHAT WE HAVE REPORTED

EARLIER FROM PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS HERE.  
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